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MONROE COUNTY TO RESTORE HISTORIC MIDTOWN CLOCK

*"Clock of the Nations" to be exhibited at Airport,
then donated to Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong*

Today, Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** announced that the Monroe County Airport Authority will restore and exhibit Midtown Plaza's historic "Clock of the Nations." County Executive Brooks was joined for the announcement by Lawrence Cohen, Principal of Midtown Rochester Properties, LLC, and representatives from the Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong.

Midtown Rochester Properties will donate the clock to the Monroe County Airport Authority, who will then fully restore it. The clock will be displayed at the Greater Rochester International Airport for several years. In 2012, the Airport Authority will donate the clock to the Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong to be displayed there.

*"As all County residents know, Midtown's Clock of the Nations is a piece of living history. I personally have many childhood memories of going downtown to Midtown Plaza to admire it," said Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks**. "We are grateful to Midtown Rochester Properties for this special gift. We look forward to restoring the clock, displaying it at the Airport, and donating it to the Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong."*

The Clock of the Nations, created by sculptor Dale Clark, has been displayed at Midtown Plaza since the mall's opening in 1962. Due to its historical significance, Monroe County and Midtown Rochester Properties have partnered to relocate and permanently preserve the clock before the demolition of Midtown Plaza.

*"On behalf of Midtown Rochester Properties LLC, it is my pleasure to announce the donation of Midtown's Clock of the Nations for display at the Greater Rochester International Airport," said **Lawrence Cohen**, Principal of Midtown Rochester Properties, LLC. "It is fitting that this iconic symbol of Midtown be placed in public hands, and the airport – a gateway to Rochester – is an ideal place for the community at large and visitors to enjoy this treasured piece of Rochester's history. I was born at Strong Memorial Hospital and I'm delighted that the children's hospital at Strong will be the clock's permanent home."*

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*“On behalf of Golisano Children's Hospital and the children from the 17-county region we serve, we accept this most thoughtful gift from Monroe County,” said **Howie Jacobson**, Board Chairman of Golisano Children's Hospital. “We are thrilled that the clock will stay in Rochester and will be displayed at Strong. I have no doubt that the clock will continue to bring smiles to children’s faces for years to come.”*

The Clock of the Nations will be removed from Midtown Plaza in the upcoming weeks. The clock will be restored and ready for display at the Greater Rochester International Airport in time for the summer travel season.

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